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R 131021Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6280
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASIG, SU
SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF EMBASSY KHARTOUM

REF: STATE 6133

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT FS INSPECTORS HEMENWAY, CONNOR, FOWLER AND WEISLOGEL. RESERVATIONS FOR THEM HAVE BEEN MADE AT KHARTOUM HILTON AND EMBASSY HAS BEGUN GENERAL PREPARATIONS FOR INSPECTION.

2. RE SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED REFTEL:

A) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, IS LOCAL HOLIDAY, MUHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY, AND LOCAL STORES AND OFFICES WHICH NORMALLY OPEN SUNDAYS WILL BE CLOSED. EMBASSY OPERATES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 0730-1430 AND ON SATURDAYS FROM 0730-1230. HOWEVER, MOST LOCAL OFFICES ARE OPEN SATURDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS WITH FRIDAY LOCAL SABBATH. THEREFORE, LOCAL OFFICES MAY BE CLOSED FOR LONG FEBRUARY 17-19 HOLIDAY. HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT INTERFERE WITH EMBASSY OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH INSPECTION SINCE EMBASSY WILL REMAIN OPEN FEBRUARY 17 AND 18 AND WOULD BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 19 IN ANY CASE.

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B) AS NOTED REFTEL, FEBRUARY 20 IS US HOLIDAY. AMBASSADOR HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO HOLDING EXIT INTERVIEW WITH INSPECTORS THAT DAY AS REQUESTED.
C) RE TRAVEL TO KHARTOUM WE NOTE INSPECTORS PLANNING USE SUDAN AIRWAYS. SUGGEST THEY READ 77 KHARTOUM 4295 WHERE WE EXPLAIN REASONS FOR USING OTHER AIRLINES WHERE POSSIBLE. INSPECTORS MAY WISH ALTER PLANS SO THEY CAN

ARRIVE HERE ON EUROPEAN CARRIER. BRITISH AIRWAYS,
AIR FRANCE, LUFTHANSA, SWISSAIR AND ALITALIA ALL
SERVE KHARTOUM, AND ON FEBRUARY 10 ALITALIA COMES
FROM ROME; AZ 894 ARRIVES HERE 1930. BA ALSO FLIES
TO KHARTOUM THAT DAY FROM LONDON, BUT BA 051 ARRIVES
AT 0535.
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